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Hubbard outlines initiatives, finances



DEAN HUBBARD
UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

By MARK HORNICKEL
EDITOR IN CHIEF

With signs of a slowing economy and a declining population throughout the region, University President Dean Hubbard said Northwest "should weather the storm."

During a speech to faculty and staff Hubbard outlined initiatives that included Northwest's status in finance and enrollment throughout the next year.

Hubbard called finance the "elephant at the picnic that everything has to accommodate." As Missouri

Gov. Bob Holden takes office, he will deal with what the *Kansas City Star* called "the tightest budget in years."

State agencies have been placed under a hiring freeze and are being required to submit proposals for core budget cuts of 10 percent, according to a letter Hubbard received.

Northwest is familiar with the scenario though. In 1986, the University received 72 percent of its education and general budget from the state, and 27 percent came in the form of tuition. Between 1986 and 1992, the budget dropped to 57 percent, but the tuition

dollars increased 37 percent.

Also in the 1980s, the Faculty Senate Budget and Planning Committee recommended a target amount of two percent for education and general reserves, which Northwest has reached.

"This institution is in remarkably good shape right now," Hubbard said. "The planning and efforts we've made over the years are paying off."

Hubbard does not think the amount of money given to higher education will suffer, but that could change because of circumstances beyond Holden's control — the slowing

economy, the opening of two prisons, increased Medicaid costs being handed down from federal government and the Hancock amendment.

"I'm expecting it's going to be tough for him in the first couple of years, but I'm also confident that he's going to do everything he can not to allow higher education to fall back," Hubbard said.

The University's physical plant, facilities and equipment are in "excellent condition," Hubbard said. Northwest has also received a 25 percent increase in base appropriation over the last four years in addition to cost of living

adjustments for Mission Enforcement. Those dollars will be reallocated to Northwest's regular budget after start-up costs are not needed.

Hubbard said he is optimistic Northwest can overcome the obstacles it faces.

"We have developed a tradition of collaboration and teamwork on this campus," he said. "We have demonstrated many times in the past the will and ability to pull together to confront challenges."

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Residents face levy increase

By TRISHA THOMPSON
COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

Maryville citizens will have the opportunity to vote on a tax levy increase of 35 cents on the Feb. 6 ballot.

The tax levy will be used to increase the starting salaries of the Maryville R-II school district faculty and staff. If the tax levy passes, the base teacher pay will increase from \$20,700 to \$23,000 annually. Returning teachers and staff salaries will be increased in a comparable manner according to the salary schedule.

The levy increase is needed for recruiting and retaining teachers in a competitive environment, said Arnold Lindaman, co-chairperson of Maryville Citizens For Education. The group of 15 residents and par-

ents are campaigning for the increase.

"The ultimate winner will be the students. We need to provide them with quality education," Lindaman said.

For two separate teaching positions at the high school last year, the school district had only one qualified applicant respond to each position.

"It's a scary prospect to have teaching vacancies with no applicants," Lindaman said. "We have the lowest starting salary in the district and conference and are well below state average."

Superintendent Gary Bell said the situation is a combination of low starting salaries and a decreasing amount of qualified teachers.

If the tax levy does not pass the quality of the educational program may suffer, Bell said.

"We have quality schools and quality staff to maintain," Bell said. "When money is tight, programs and positions will be reconsidered."

Bell said the board is optimistic that residents will pass the tax levy.

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Maryville football coach takes job at Fort Osage

After 10 years of high-powered offense and tenacious defense Maryville's sidelines will be without head coach Chuck Litteras next year.

Litteras announced Tuesday he will take a coaching job at Fort Osage High School in Kansas City.

Litteras has been the 'Hounds coach for 10 years and leaves behind an impressive record that featured a trip to the TWA dome and a State runner-up trophy in 1996.

The 'Hounds finished 8-2 last year, going 6-1 in the Midland Empire Conference. The 6-1 record was good enough to take second-place behind 3A State champion Platte County.

Fort Osage is a 5A school in Missouri, the highest classification in football. The job came open when Fort Osage's coach Jerry Boyce retired after 40 years.

Litteras will also serve as the school's strength and conditioning instructor.

Mission: Resolution

FIND A SOLUTION TO YOUR NEW YEARS RESOLUTION

PHOTO BY JOHN PETROVIC/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR ILLUSTRATION BY DANNY BURNS/DAILY ONLINE EDITOR

Art major Jessi Peterson works out in the weight room at the University Recreation Center Tuesday. Peterson started working out in September to gain muscle and lose weight.

By NAOMEY WILFORD
COPY EDITOR

Along with the new year comes something not so new — resolutions — and along with resolutions often comes failure to stick with them.

Some of the most common resolutions made each year are to lose weight, get in better physical shape or maintain a healthier lifestyle. However, those resolutions seem to be easier to start than to continue.

Bob Lade, recreational sports director at the University Recreation Center, said the busiest months at the center are January and February.

People most likely sat around during the holiday season, and there are not a lot of outside activities during the winter, Lade said. He has noticed an increase in the number of people who pay for memberships to workout at the Fitness Center as well.

"Usually there are about six to eight people at the Fitness Center, but today there were over 20, so obviously there were some people who had made some resolutions," Lade said.

Although there is usually an increase in the number of people at the centers, Lade said the numbers will probably drop off considerably after a few weeks.

Lade said individuals should schedule time every day to help them meet those goals.

"As far as fitness goes, they just need to try to find someone to work out with," Lade said. "You don't have to take one or two hours. All it basically takes is 30 minutes a day and it has to become routine, just like everything else on your schedule."

Lade said the pitfall often comes when people get busier and start saying, "Well, I'll do it tomorrow."

In order to keep her resolution to tone her body and strengthen her cardiovascular system, sophomore Jamie Johnson said she plans to run a few miles a day at the Rec Center and work her way up to running five miles at least four days a week.

"I'm going to run because every time I try to lift weights it never works out for me. I always quit. I've made

most resolutions made for the new year are to get in better shape and maintain a healthier lifestyle.

resolutions in the past, but this time I'm going to be more serious about it, especially since I'm getting married in July," Johnson said.

Johnson said she and her fiance both made resolutions this year to get in better shape. During the summer, Johnson said she will probably run outdoors or go to the recreation center in her hometown.

Johnson's advice to people making similar resolutions was for them not to push themselves too hard at first.

"Work your way up and set reachable goals," Johnson said. In order to take their resolutions seriously, junior Maggie Dittmar and senior Amy Abplanalp are holding each other accountable to eating healthier foods and exercising on a regular basis. They have set aside a time in both of their schedules to work out three to five days a week for 30 to 60 minutes depending on the activity, and they will also try to eat healthier snacks.

Another student who set a goal for herself is junior Jessi Peterson, who

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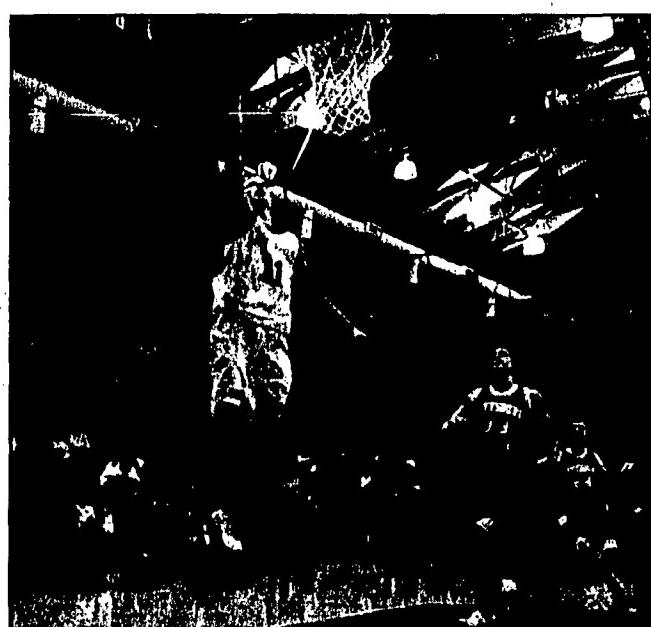


PHOTO BY JOHN PETROVIC/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR
Sophomore guard Scott Fleming lays up two of his team-high 26 points during the Bearcats' 72-54 Saturday. The 'Cats are 12-0.

Bearcat men off to best start in 17 years

By BILL KNUST
UNIVERSITY SPORTS EDITOR

A 12-0 record marks the best start for a men's basketball team at Northwest courtesy of the '83-'84 team, but the 2000-2001 'Cats are on the verge of breaking that mark.

The Bearcats tied the record against Central Missouri State, 7-5 overall and 2-2 in the MIAA, Wednesday night. The 'Cats go for a 13-0 start against Missouri Western, 7-3 overall and 2-1 in the MIAA, at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Bearcat Arena.

The Bearcats' national ranking has climbed to No. 7, and it paints a bullseye on the team's back, head coach Steve Tappmeyer said.

"I don't know if our guys recognize how significant, or what motivation a game with us provides other teams," Tappmeyer said. "The Southwest game was a good indication because that team had an opportunity to kick

their season off right and turn around a 1-7 record at our expense."

The Bearcats have been forcing turnovers and playing steady defense, posting conference-best numbers in points allowed per game (62) and turnovers forced per game (23.6).

"I think when you have a team that plays good defense and buys into the concept of good defense it shows good people, unselfish people," Tappmeyer said. "It doesn't show up in the box scores and the fans don't really recognize your effort nearly as much, but I think it shows character, quality and effort."

After 11 games last year, the Bearcats' record was 9-2 and 0-2 in conference play. Tappmeyer said there are some differences from last year's team.

"With last year's team you had Tyrone Brown," he said. "When things went bad you could throw the ball to

him and he could go create a shot, and I don't think anyone on this team is ready to do that at this point. At this point in the year though, I think this team has better chemistry."

Tappmeyer said the undefeated start and rating surprised him. Northwest was picked No. 5 in the MIAA pre-season poll. Tappmeyer said Tuesday the team has not discussed the rating, but people have commented about it.

Sophomore guard Scott Fleming leads the Bearcats in scoring (15.2 ppg), assists (4.5 apg), free throw percentage (79.1) and steals (4.0 spg) by. Fleming's four steals per game are also top in the MIAA.

Senior forward Joel Taylor has been hot from behind the arc so far this season, knocking down 55.9 percent of his three-point shots heading into the Wednesday.

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REVIEW & PREVIEW

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THURSDAY

- Last date to add or enroll in a trimester course
- IM spot shot/knock out contest, 8 p.m.
- IM basketball officials meeting, 4:30 p.m., Lamkin 133
- Nodaway County 4-H Council meeting 7 p.m., Extension Center

FRIDAY

- Last date to drop a trimester course and get 100 percent refund
- Last date to get 75 percent refund for dropped block courses
- First Baptist Church prayer breakfast, 7 a.m.
- First Baptist Church youth ice skating trip, 11 a.m.
- First Christian Church Chi Rho mid-winter retreat, 7 p.m.

MONDAY

- Martin Luther King holiday, no classes
- Adults Day (Japan)
- ABC Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, 7 p.m., Bell Tower
- Atchison County 4-H Council/Advisory Board meeting, 7 p.m., Extension Center, Rock Port
- Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon meeting, 6 p.m., Methodist Church

SATURDAY

- Nodaway County Steer Weigh Day, 9 a.m., Nodaway Vet Clinic

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TUESDAY

- IM Basketball entries close, noon
- IM Basketball Officials III meeting, 4:30 p.m., Lamkin 133
- IM Co-Rec H2O Basketball play begins, 8 p.m.

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WEDNESDAY

- IM Basketball Meeting, 4 p.m., Lamkin 133
- Four-State Beef Conference, 4 p.m., St. Joseph Frontier Casino

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THURSDAY

- Last date to get 50 percent refund for dropped block courses
- Gentry County 4-H Council meeting, 7 p.m., Smith Veale Building, King City

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UNIVERSITY

Applying for financial aid early benefits students

With 80 percent of Northwest's student body receiving financial aid or scholarships, Del Morley and his

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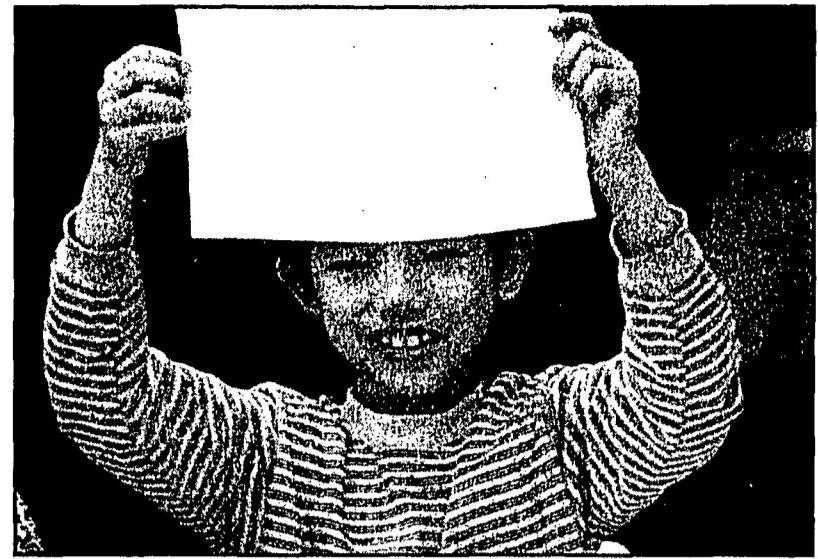


PHOTO BY JOHN PETROVIC/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR
Fifth grader Alan Lin shows his answer to one of the questions that helped him win the geography bee at Horace Mann School. "Three students came from grades four through six and advanced to the finals. Alan will now go on to the state competition where he will have to take a written test," Principal Carole Edmonds said.

crew of 18 people in the financial aid office are quite busy. However, Morley said things go much more smoothly when students turn in their paperwork on time.

"Last year we had several hundred people apply late," Morley said. "That backs things up drastically."

Morley, a former Northwest basketball coach, said things are a little different in his new position in the financial aid department.

"Now when I see students it's only when they need something or have a problem," Morley said. "I just want to put the word out that if you get your applications in on time you will be much happier come August."

FAFSA forms must be received by April 1. Morley suggests sending them by March 15.

Northwest employee killed during break

A Northwest Environmental Services worker was killed in a car accident during the holiday break.

Edward "Skip" Kepka, 51, worked at Northwest for about four years. University President Dean Hubbard said he took pride in his work as a painter and was a master of details.

"He had an unusual friendliness about him," Hubbard said.

Kepka was a Vietnam veteran, and he counseled other veterans who suffered from depression.

He was buried in Chicago and Northwest will plant a tree in his memory in the spring.

COMMUNITY

Local health facilities receive flu vaccine

Shipments of the flu vaccine have been received by St. Francis Family Health Care and the Nodaway County Health Depart-

ment, bringing them up to their needed amount.

Although it is later in the season than usual, the Nodaway County Health Department is still urging people to get the flu shot.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said there should be enough doses of flu vaccine available this year for all residents who want to receive the shot.

According to the Missouri Department of Health, people at high risk are 65 years and older, residents of nursing homes, children and teenagers and women who will be in their second or third trimester of pregnancy during the influenza season. People at risk include those with cardiovascular and blood diseases or disorders that weaken the immune system.

NATIONAL NEWS

Study shows studying all night limits learning

By BETSEY KIRKPATRICK
THE NEWS RECORD (U.CINCINNATI)

(U-WIRE) CINCINNATI - A new sleep study suggests pulling all-nighters may impair the brain's ability to learn new material.

The results of the study, which appear in the December issue of the medical journal Nature Neuroscience, suggest a good night's sleep helps the brain store information learned during that day.

The study further suggests people who interrupt a sleep pattern by staying up all night risk their ability to master certain tasks, said Robert Stickgold, a researcher at Boston's Harvard Medical School.

The study tested 24 Harvard

students' ability to learn new tasks. Participants took a test to identify certain images that were flashed briefly on the video screen.

The control group slept regularly during the four-day study, while the experimental group was deprived of sleep the first night.

At the conclusion of the study, researchers found those who slept all four nights retained their knowledge and learned more while those who stayed up just one night failed to improve their performance.

When people skip one night of sleep, even if they catch up later, they may find information has not been stored properly in the cortex, which is responsible for storing information.

Although the results of the study are conclusive, students will inevitably continue to cram for exams with all-night study sessions.

Mark Britton, a third-year Design Architecture Art and Planning student at the University of Cincinnati, offered a reason.

"When you stay up real late working on a project you start thinking bad thoughts like you want to quit. When you're trying to give a presentation, you can't think of all the things you wanted to say," Britton said.

Scott Malling, a fourth-year communication student, agreed, "If I stay up all night and cram, I don't remember anything."

Both Britton and Malling said all-night study sessions are not part of their normal study routine. However, even if students only cram for midterms, the study suggests they will only be storing the studied information in their short-term memory. They will have to relearn it for the final exam.

Program on hate crimes remembers Shepard

By VALERIE DENNIS
IOWA STATE DAILY (IOWA STATE U.)

(U-WIRE) AMES, Iowa - MTV began as a forum to feature music videos and songs that were new and on the edge. Over time, the channel has evolved from what it started as to what it is today, a channel known for "TRL," "The Real World" and various specials.

But since the launch of "Rock the Vote" in the early 1990s, political activism and social awareness have also been an important role of MTV.

Wednesday night, MTV was to air "Anatomy of a Hate Crime: The Matthew Shepard Story." Following the film, public service programming about hate crimes and discrimination will air for 17 commer-

cial-free hours.

The film documents the story of Matthew Shepard, the college student who was lured from a bar in Laramie, Wyo., and murdered because he was gay.

Local experts believe MTV's special will play a positive role in raising awareness about hate crimes.

"MTV should be commended for doing this," said Tom Beell, professor of journalism at Iowa State University. "They will certainly get good press for this, and I don't think they are sacrificing much for this."

Following Wednesday night's show will be an MTV News special discussing discrimination and hate affecting youth. Then, MTV will air footage of celebrities reading hate crime incidents. The programming launches a year-long campaign against discrimination and hate crimes.

"Our hope is it really gets the attention of our audience and motivates them to get involved," MTV programming president Brian Graden told the Associated Press.

Music videos by rapper Eminem have been highly embraced by MTV, despite homophobic and misogynist lyrical content. Some believe the special may represent a public relations move that serves as a reaction to negative attention MTV has received for supporting Eminem.

David Stuart, who teaches Music 104, "The History of Rock and Roll," feels the media have an influence over their viewers, and they should realize the power they hold.

"I think MTV has gone the way of niche marketing," Stuart explained. "They have formats and aim shows at certain people."

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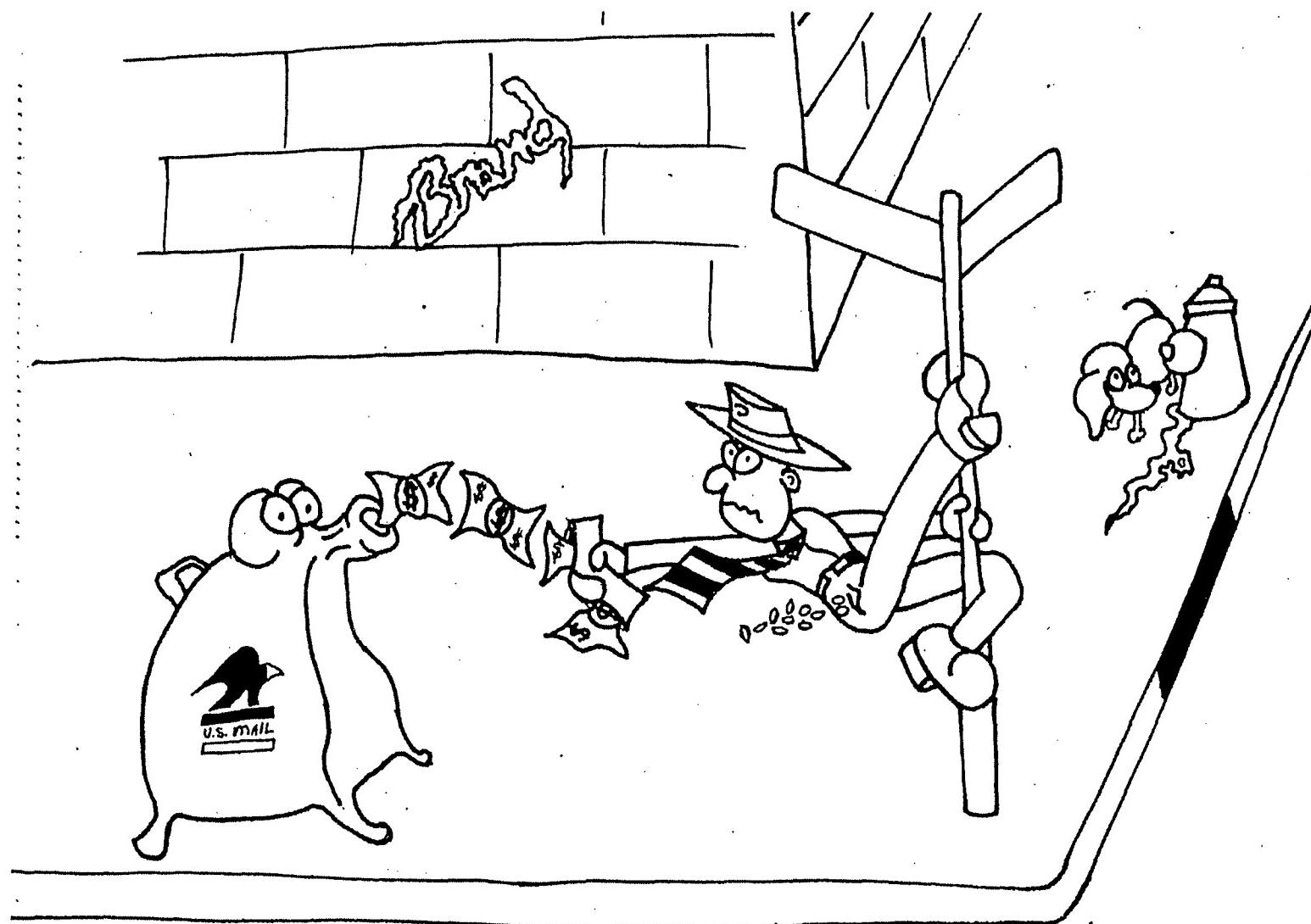
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MY VIEW

Holiday job offers fun fashions, accusations, Pepsi man



SARA SITZMAN
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

It's time for classes, homework, tests and stress. I should be ready after my three weeks of break, right? Well, I'm not so sure about that. Unless you were one of those people who didn't have to work this break, you can probably relate to my holiday job experience.

Like the past holiday and summer breaks before, I returned to my small Iowa town to work at Fareway, the local grocery store. Fareway is an old store without scanners, and my work uniform consists of black pants, black shoes, a white shirt, and to complete my hip ensemble, a black bow tie. Never mind that it was below freezing cold outside and I had on hot pink long johns underneath.

Despite the fact that my outfit wasn't the most fashionable, I had to manually punch in all the prices at the cash register and on certain days work started at 6 a.m., I could always count on something interesting to happen each day.

For instance, the day my co-worker, Amy, and I tried to make a bale from crushed boxes. The box crusher was full and we thought we could make the bale all by ourselves. (I think she would have been fine without my assistance though.) After compressing the boxes, we each tied two wires, but as the bale was being released, guess

whose two wires snapped? I just had to chalk up that incident to learning.

How can I forget about the little old lady who accused me of stealing her checkbook because I was the one sacking her groceries? I was quick to point out that her checkbook was simply on the other side of her massive purse.

Another incident I'm still not quite sure about was when I had just taken a lady's groceries to her car, and she said she had forgotten something in the store. A little while later I saw her walking out of the store not with eggs or milk but with a small child.

It's probably only fair to mention my little obsession with the Pepsi man. But really, sometimes those boxes needed crushing, and it was merely coincidence that he was back there as well.

So instead of hating my job and complaining, I tried to make each day fun. And it was never hard to like my job when the paychecks came each Friday. But now school has started and it's time to take a break ... from work.

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YOUR VIEW

What is your opinion on former Missouri Sen. John Ashcroft being nominated for U.S. Attorney General?



"I believe that he has done a good job in the senate for Missouri and should do a fine job for the United States in the future. President Bush saw that in him and wouldn't have chosen him if he didn't think he could do a good job."

Ted Becker
Geography major



"I am going to be biased since I am a democrat, but I do believe he will do a good job. But I also think he will have some trouble with his views on certain subjects that are well known."

Jennifer Williams
Education major



"I didn't necessarily agree with everything he talked about while he was in the Senate, but President Bush, I believe, is a smart man and knew what he was doing when picking Ashcroft."

Katie Hornbeck
Maryville resident



"Even though he wasn't the most favored person in the state of Missouri, I believe he should do a fine job in Washington. His record in the Senate shows he is more than qualified for the job."

Louis Berger
History major



"I am afraid of him being appointed Attorney General because of what his beliefs are and how he is so conservative. I am also concerned with how he is against the right for women to choose."

Jennifer Starkey
English major

OUR VIEW

New Year's Resolution

The Northwest Missourian makes quality priority, asks for readers' help, support to produce paper

It's a new year and our resolution is to deliver a better newspaper to your doors each Thursday.

As *The Northwest Missourian* publishes its first issue of 2001 and looks ahead to the rest of the year, we are making a commitment to reach our readers like never before.

As our mission states, we are going to work hard to be the best source of information and advertising for the community we serve. We will work to provide fresh stories and interesting angles our audience can look forward to reading each week.

In a couple weeks, we will also launch an improved *Missourian Online* that will provide even more news you can use. We will work to provide additional stories and photos, links to related topics and a site that is fun and easy for you to navigate.

But we will need your help. While we have ideas of our own, we need your input, too. We've already considered suggestions you made when six Northwest students conducted a marketing research project of *Missourian* readers last fall.

You told us you want to see more community news. We will continue to attend city council and school board meetings, community events and work with businesses to bring you the information that will affect you most.

You asked for more features. We want to provide you with ideas for entertainment and fun in the area. We want to introduce you to more extraordinary personalities. We want to provide you with lively photo essays of the memorable events that take place in our community.

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MY VIEW

Chiefs frustrate Raiders' fan



BILL KNUST
UNIVERSITY SPORTS EDITOR

The Kansas City Chiefs finally fired Gunther Cunningham last week. The outcry for the firing had occurred all year, and it reached its peak as the season ended with a 29-13 loss to the Atlanta Falcons.

General Manager Carl Peterson's brilliant plan to turn the franchise around is to hire Dick Vermeil. The two are best friends and Peterson coached under Vermeil in the '80s when Vermeil was coaching the Philadelphia Eagles. While this move appears brilliant on the outside, I think this would be the dumbest move the Chiefs could make.

First, let me make something clear. I hate the Chiefs. I am a die-hard Raiders fan, but living in Missouri I have to listen to the constant complaining of Chiefs fans as they blame their problems on Gunther and Elvis Grbac.

Those two are only a fraction of the problem. The rest of it comes from the front office's inability to draft.

They need to draft or sign a good free agent running back. In 1998, the Chiefs drafted Rashaan Shehee with the 88 pick of the draft. They used their first pick for offensive tackle Victor Riley, passing over running back Ahman Green. By the way, Green rushed for 1,175 yards this season for the Green Bay Packers. That total is more than the Chiefs top two running backs, Tony Richardson and Kimble Anders, combined.

Their "three-headed" running attack is bad. They do not have a breakaway back in the offense, and none of the backs pose a threat to any defense in football. If the Chiefs did have a breakaway back they would be one of the scariest teams in the NFL. With Grbac's ability to throw the ball down the field, a running back would open up receivers Derrick Alexander, Sylvester Morris, and most importantly, tight end Tony Gonzalez.

They can blame this season on Cunningham and his lack of offensive direction, but a finger needs to be pointed at the defense too. This team dedicated its season to Derrick Thomas and the defense had its worst year in more than a decade.

The Chiefs were built on a tenacious defense and a power running game. This year they were built on an air-it-out offense and no defense. They lost to the San Diego Chargers, the 1-15 San Diego Chargers. Pathetic does not even come close to describing that loss.

With the draft coming up the Chiefs have an opportunity to decide whether they want to be an 8-8 team every year, or a team that is consistently 11-5 or 12-4.

Vermeil is not the solution. Drafting smart is. The draft this year does not have a quality running back, but the free agent market does. Corey Dillon will be a free agent that fits the mold the Chiefs have needed since the early '90s.

The draft is loaded with defensive talent, and the Chiefs will have a high enough pick to cash in. They also picked up two third-round picks as compensation from the Washington Redskins for hiring Marty Schottenheimer. Those third rounders are great trade bait for a higher pick.

Vermeil may only be around two to three years, making him a risky choice. It took him four years to win with the Rams, and that appeared to be somewhat flukish based on the Rams team this year.

For the Chiefs to win they need to find a coach with a desire to adapt and win, but what do I know? I am only a Raiders fan.

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Local grocer closes doors

Economic trouble leaves few options

By NAOMEY WILFORD
COPY EDITOR

After eight years of business, Food-4-Less in Maryville will close its doors at 8 p.m. Saturday.

Kent Laughman, president and CEO, who decided the store should close, based his decision on the store's recent economic performance.

"The economic performance of the store was not able to justify spending the money it would take to upgrade and remodel it in keeping with company standards," Laughman said. "Closing the store was a tough decision."

Laughman said the fact that Food-4-Less is closing is not related to Maryville's Super Wal-Mart recently opening.

"All our competitors make us do a better job," Laughman said. "We compete successfully with Wal-Mart."

Food-4-Less is closing because there are so many stores in Maryville, Laughman said. With the population and demographics of the community, Food-4-Less cannot perform as well as it needs to, Laughman said.

Merchandise is being sold at 10 percent off the regular store price and Laughman anticipates nearly everything will sell.

As a result of the closing, some of the employees at Food-4-Less have been relocated to company

stores in St. Joseph and Wichita, Kan. Others will wait to make decisions until after Saturday.

In December, Scott Throm, store manager of Econofoods, offered Food-4-Less employees positions as meat cutters, clerks, pricing coordinators and shelf stockers. Throm said the number of people he employs depends on how much business he gets as a result of Food-4-Less closing.

The Food-4-Less grocery store corporation started in August 1934, and has operates 33 stores in 17 different communities throughout Missouri and Kansas. The company also owns five Falley's grocery stores in Topeka, Kan.

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Food-4-Less employee, Bill Rutenberg, takes note of items being packed in preparation of the store closing on Saturday. Shoppers searched shelves as the store's inventory whittled down. All merchandise in the store is being sold at ten percent off regular price until Saturday.

Nomination sparks division

By LAURA PEARL
CHIEF REPORTER

In the case of Republican and former Missouri state senator John Ashcroft the question "to be or not to be" may be weeks from a solution.

Ashcroft, who has held the state positions of auditor, attorney general and governor, stepped into the national spotlight Dec. 22, when President-elect George W. Bush nominated him to serve as U.S. Attorney General.

Known for his conservative views, Ashcroft has drawn opposition from groups supporting such issues as abortion rights, gun control, minority rights, gay and lesbian rights, education and the environment.

Ashcroft's opposition to the nomination of black Missouri Supreme Court Judge Ronnie White to a federal judgeship also created division. Ashcroft support from party and policy followers, however.

Kevin Buterbaugh, assistant pro-



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fessor of political science, emphasized the influence of religious supporters on Ashcroft's nomination.

"He was basically chosen because he represents the Christian right," Buterbaugh said.

Bush's choice to nominate Ashcroft was a gesture aimed at the many Christian voters that supported him, Buterbaugh said.

Jason Yarnell, campus minister for the Baptist Student Union, said he thinks the implementation of a person supporting Christian ideals into the cabinet is a positive step.

"I think that's what this country was founded on, and one reason we have so many problems nowadays is because we've gotten away from these values," Yarnell said.

Ashcroft's eight years serving as Missouri state attorney general gave him experience as a top legislative official, Buterbaugh said.

Buterbaugh said he did not support Ashcroft but was not surprised by his nomination.

"From a political science perspective, it was expected," Buterbaugh said.

Senate confirmation hearings for Ashcroft will begin Tuesday. Buterbaugh said he thinks the Committee will confirm Ashcroft.

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PHOTO BY MARJORIE KOSMAN
MANAGING EDITOR

After almost two years of planning, St. Joseph Light and Power was sold to UtiliCorp United Dec. 29.

The sale was originally proposed in March of 1999 and scheduled to be finalized by the summer of 2000. Jerry Musil, spokesman for St. Joseph Light and Power, said the merger was delayed because of regulatory agencies reviewing various applications.

A June 7 fire of the Lower Lake Plant also led to rumors that UtiliCorp would back out of the

deal.

"The fire led to renovations that probably left the plant in better shape now than when we first announced the merger," Musil said.

St. Joseph Light and Power submitted an application to the Missouri Public Service Commission requesting a rate freeze, which would lock prices for the next five years, but Musil said the proposal was rejected.

Despite customer service remaining the same, some employees of St. Joseph Light and Power are fearing their jobs are in jeopardy.

UtiliCorp has promised 45 days notice for any employees who are terminated.

Employees who were contacted declined to comment.

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Merger causes employment scare

By DANNY BURNS
DAILY ONLINE EDITOR

The price of postal stamps rose one penny to 34 cents, Jan. 7, marking the third price increase in seven years.

To combat the use of older 33-cent stamps, the United States Postal Service has produced more than two billion 1-cent stamps. Letters mailed without the required 1-cent stamp will be returned to their sender.

The latest price increase sparked busy times for the Maryville post office.

"We've been very busy this week," said Maryville Postmaster John Karigan. "A lot of people are purchasing 1-cent stamps to use up their 33 cent stamps."

When the last price increase occurred in 1999, the Maryville post office sold more than 100,000 1-cent stamps.

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The postal service also increased rates for packaged mail. Two pound priority mail increased 4 1/2 cents to \$3.95 and half pound express mail increased 50 cents to \$12.25. Postcards remain at 20 cents.

In 1995 the price of stamps increased from 29 cents to 32 cents.

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Snow depletes winter budget

By JIMMY MEYERS
CHIEF REPORTER

Students returning from holiday break have seen melting remnants of what were once colossal snow drifts smothering everything under three feet tall.

City Manager David Angerer said city workers put snow plows in a "round the clock" operation to keep the streets clear and navigable. Workers were relieved at the end of their long shifts by Mozingo Park employees and Maryville park and recreation workers, Angerer said.

Angerer said the city has already spent \$17,000 of its \$20,000 winter budget.

"We will probably go over budget, but you have to remember we spent next to nothing last year and the year before," Angerer said.

Maryville residents were also busy shoveling driveways and sidewalks. Angerer said the city has an ordinance requiring residents to shovel sidewalks in front of their homes but the ordinance is not strongly enforced.

"We don't want someone to go out there and have a heart attack shoveling snow just to avoid a \$20 fine," Angerer said.

Pauline Clark, a 93-year-old Maryville resident, said she had some trouble getting around during the bad weather.

Clark said she relies on the Older Adults Transportation Service for rides into town, but the driver will not take the risk of chauffeuring people in bad weather.

"I thought they should have done a little better job," Clark said, referring to the roads leading to her residence just north of town. "I couldn't get out."

Angerer said the city does not remove snow from private property.

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Rates for stamps, packages increase

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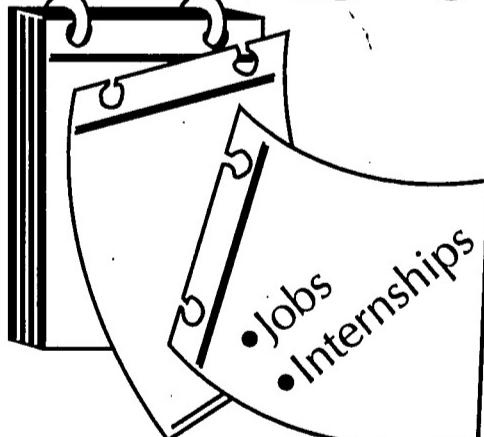
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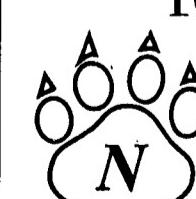


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PUBLIC SAFETY**Jan. 1**

■ Fire units responded to a vehicle fire in the 1400 block of East 4th. Upon arrival, the car was fully engulfed. The fire was extinguished but its cause was undetermined.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville female that her bike had been damaged while parked at her residence in the 800 block of North Walnut.

Jan. 2

■ William Beggs, Guilford, and Dana Nally, Maryville, were involved in a wreck. Beggs stopped at the intersection of First and Depot. Nally was stopped behind Beggs. Beggs backed up to avoid being in the intersection, striking Nally.

■ Joy Warren was attempting to make a left turn onto North Dewey from East 16th, when she lost control of her vehicle and struck a utility pole.

Jan. 3

■ An officer issued a Maryville Municipal warrant on Dustin M. Wells, 21, Skidmore, for failure to appear, but was released after posting bond.

■ An officer received a report of a carbon monoxide leak at a residence in the 2700 block of Katydid Road. Upon arrival, it was determined that the leak was coming from a car parked in the garage.

Jan. 4

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville business in the 1200 block of South Main that a male had failed to return rental property.

■ An officer issued a Maryville Municipal warrant on Gary L. Ross, 22, Maryville, for failure to appear. He was issued a summons for failure to appear, and released after posting bond.

■ An officer served a Maryville Municipal warrant on Jacob L. Horn, 21, Maryville, for failure to appear. He was issued a summons for failure to appear, and released after posting bond.

■ While patrolling the intersection of Main and Edwards, an officer observed a vehicle fail to stop at the posted stop sign at Main and Halsey. The vehicle was stopped in the 100 block of West Halsey. The driver was identified as Jason Skidmore, 21, St. Joseph. While speaking with him, an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform several field tests which he could not successfully complete. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content was above the legal limit. He was also issued citations for careless and imprudent driving and failure to stop at a posted stop sign.

Jan. 5

■ Marvin Shannon, Maryville, and Robert Murphy, Barnard, were involved in a wreck. Shannon pulled from the stop sign at First and Market. Shannon failed to yield to Murphy who was traveling westbound on First. Shannon struck Murphy. Shannon was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving by failing to yield right of way.

■ While patrolling the intersection of 3rd and Vine, an officer observed a vehicle driving in the middle of the roadway. The vehicle stopped in the 100 block of North Vine. The driver was identified as Charles A. Scranton, 23, Maryville. While speaking with him, an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform some field sobriety tests which he could not successfully complete. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

Jan. 6

■ Mary Evans, Guilford, and Debra Demott, Maryville, were involved in a wreck. Evans was behind Demott when Demott turned into the turning lane and struck Evans.

■ While patrolling the 100 Block of North Main, an officer observed a vehicle traveling without its tail lights illuminated. The vehicle was stopped in the 800 block of South Main. The driver was identified as Steven G. Dowling, 54, Maryville. While speaking with him, an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform some field sobriety tests which he could not complete successfully. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated, and transported to Nodaway County Jail. He was also issued a citation for failure to illuminate tail lights.

■ While conducting a traffic stop in the 800 block of South Main, an officer observed a passenger with a cup that contained what appeared to be intoxicants. Barbara E. Dowling, 56, Maryville was issued a summons for open container.

■ An officer issued a Clay County warrant on Robert M. Eischen, 21, Kansas City. He was released after posting bond.

■ While driving patrol in the 300 block of North Main, an officer observed a vehicle traveling over the speed limit. The vehicle was stopped in the 400 block of North Main. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Erik W. Foss, 21, Maryville. While speaking with him, an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform some field sobriety tests which he was unable to successfully complete. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a citation for exceeding the posted speed limit.

■ An officer issued a Maryville Municipal warrant on Molik Ercanli, 20, Maryville, for failure to appear. He was issued a summons for failure to appear, and released after posting bond.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville male that someone had broken into his residence in the 400 block of East 5th.

Jan. 7

■ Stetson McBride, Maryville, and Phyllis Trueblood, Maryville, were parked in a private lot in the 1200 block of South Main. McBride backed into Trueblood, then left the scene. McBride was issued citations of improper backing, and leaving the scene of an accident.

Jan. 8

■ An officer received a report from a business in the 900 block of South Main that a female individual had failed to return rental property.

■ An officer issued a Maryville Municipal warrant on Robert C. Farris, 21, Maryville, for failure to appear. He was issued a summons for failure to appear, and was released after posting bond.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville female that someone had taken a headlight lens and halogen bulb from her car while it was parked in the 300 block of West Edwards.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville female in the 700 block of East South Ave. that someone had kicked in the basement door of her residence.

■ While patrolling the intersection of 3rd and Main, an officer observed a fight in the 300 block of North Market. Upon arrival, Robert L. Sturm, 24, Maryville, was issued a summons for assault.

SHERIFF**Dec. 7**

■ Mark Sprague, 44, was arrested for driving while intoxicated and unlawful use of a weapon. He was released on \$10,000 bond after his mandatory detox.

Dec. 8

■ A Maryville subject reported telephone harassment.

■ A Graham subject reported property damage to a mailbox.

Dec. 13

■ Carl T.J. Hendren, 19, Stanberry, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released on a summons.

Dec. 15

■ Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in Pickering. Gregory D. Loch, 41, Pickering, was arrested for third degree assault. He was later released on a summons.

■ Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in Skidmore. No arrests were made.

Dec. 17

■ James C. Hill, 51, Maryville, was arrested for driving while intoxicated and driving while his license was revoked.

Dec. 22

■ Joseph W. Carden, 41, Lincoln, Neb., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for a motion to revoke probation.

Dec. 26

■ A break-in was reported at a business in Pickering.

DEATHS**Catherine Augusta Nielson**

Catherine Augusta Nielson, 79, Barnard, died Dec. 23 at Maryville Health Care Center.

She was born Nov. 14, 1921, to Peter and Agatha Meyer, Clyde.

She is survived by a husband, Albert; sons Robert and Ronald; daughters Joyce and Judith Nielson; eight grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Services were held Dec. 26 at St. Columba Catholic Church. Burial was at St. Columba Cemetery.

Julia K. Morrison

Julia K. Morrison, 97, Kansas City, died Dec. 24 at Bridgewood Nursing Home, Kansas City.

She was born Nov. 3, 1903, to George and Molly Beem, Yankton, S.D. She is survived by sons Arthur and Gene; daughter Lorraine Manley; 20 grandchildren, 54 great-grandchildren and 30 great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held Dec. 28 at Price Funeral Home in Maryville. Burial was at Miriam Cemetery.

Victoria M. Berg

Victoria M. Berg, 86, Maryville, died Dec. 25 at Methodist Hospice, Omaha, Neb.

She was born Feb. 6, 1914, to Lewis and Gertrude Frampton, Ravenwood. She is survived by one son, Ronald; one daughter, Linda Moore; four grandsons and three great-grandchildren.

Services were held Dec. 29 at St. Gregory's Catholic Church, Maryville. Burial was at St. Mary's Cemetery.

Edna Marie Shriner

Edna Marie Shriner, 93, Maryville, died Dec. 25 at Saxton Woods, St. Joseph.

She was born July 26, 1907, to William and Ella Sturm, Maryville. She is survived by one son, Jack; daughters, Dorothy Roberts, Nancy Kuntz and Sue Propst; 19 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held Dec. 28 at St. Barbarigo Catholic Church. Burial was at St. Patricks Cemetery.

Roy Dale Peter

Roy Dale Peter, 42, Maryville, died Dec. 29 at his home in Maryville.

He was born Nov. 1, 1958, to Jerry and Mildred Peter, Maryville. He is survived by wife Cathi; son Chad; and daughter, Malinda.

Services were held Jan. 9 at Price Funeral Home, Maryville. Burial was at Oak Hill Cemetery.

Looree Ruth McMichael

Loree Ruth McMichael, 71, Barnard, died Dec. 29, at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She was born Oct. 6, 1929, to Joseph and Velma Sowards, Allendale. She is survived by husband Kenneth; son Ron and one granddaughter.

Services were held Jan. 1 at Price Funeral Home in Maryville.

Larry Dean Hooppaw

Larry Dean Hooppaw Sr., 61, Maryville, died Jan. 8, at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He was born Sept. 1, 1939, to Leo and Maudie Hooppaw, Mound City, Ill. He is survived by wife Joan; sons Larry and Byron; daughters Angela Harward and Amy Beckmann; and 10 grandchildren.

Services were held Jan. 11 at First Baptist Church, Maryville. Burial was at Oak Hill Cemetery.

Sylvia Miller

Sylvia Miller, 89, Barnard, died Jan. 8, at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She was born March 5, 1911, to Edward L., and Della Sexton in Wilcox. She is survived by daughter Marilyn; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services were held Jan. 9 at Price Funeral Home in Maryville. Burial was at Miriam Cemetery.

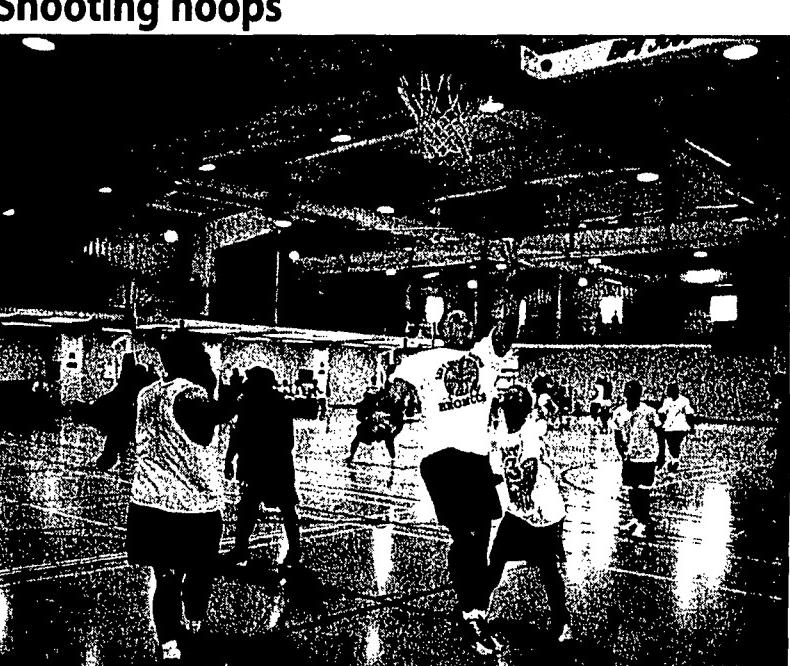
Shooting hoops

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Students, unable to play outside because of the cold weather, went inside to play a game of basketball in the Recreational Center Tuesday. The Rec Center also offers weights, racquetball courts and a track.

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Natasha Trueblood, one of the 36 students enrolled in the Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics, and Computing, takes advantage of the available computers and surfs the Internet before dinner Monday.

Academy prepared for spring trimester

By LAURA PEARL
CHIEF REPORTER

With 36 members of the inaugural class remaining, the Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics and Computing will be facing changes during the spring trimester.

The Academy, which opened its doors to a class of 41 students, dubbed "Pathfinders," in the fall of 2000, has since lost five female students, said Deborah Guffy, assistant dean for student development at the Academy.

Guffy said three students left for personal reasons during the course of the trimester and the other two students failed to meet the 2.0 grade-point average required at the Academy.

"For a first-year school, this number is significantly less than we would have anticipated," Guffy said.

Guffy did not believe the loss of five female students indicated any one problem but rather a discrepancy in levels of high school preparation and personal adaptation.

"I don't know what trends will

show as we're moving along, but one of the things we're certainly wanting to address is why, out of all the students who left, all five were female," Guffy said. "That's something that we will try to look at and determine if there are any factors here that would make that possibility."

Guffy said, despite the loss of some students, the Academy exceeded expectations.

"Things have gone much smoother than any of us imagined it would," Guffy said.

The 38 students who completed the fall trimester averaged a GPA above 3.0, with two students earning 4.0 and nine with 3.5 or better, Guffy said.

Paired with such factors as residential success and parent permission, Academy members who earned at least a 3.0 will gain some freedom in the spring trimester.

These students will be able to petition to eliminate or reduce the mandatory study hours.

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Parking improvements proposed

By SARA SITZMAN
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

A proposed parking plan for Northwest will increase the number of parking spaces available for students and faculty and improve campus streets.

Ray Courter, vice president for finance, said the proposal has been presented to Student Senate, Leadership Council and the Board of Regents.

Beginning in May, the entire project will take three to four years to complete, with each warm-weather construction season addressing one of three phases, Courter said.

During the first phase of construction, roadwork will be done, including eliminating the road behind Garrett-Strong. A new road will be added farther north, and the road between Owens Library and the High Rises will be reconstructed.

"Brand new access behind Garrett-Strong altered the parking area some," Courter said. "Plus the new green house will go roughly where that street is."

Once the new dairy farm is completed north of Maryville, the new road will be located at the former dairy farm site. Courter also said the road between the high rises and Owens Library will be torn out, elevated and widened.

"The island in front of Franken will be gone but parallel parking will be permitted," Courter said.

With the changing of the streets the parking area beside Dieterich Hall will double, and more area will



PHOTO BY MELISSA GALITZ/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER
Students often resort to breaking a few rules when looking for a good parking spot. "On moving day vehicles cause chaos, but overall students do make the effort to move quickly and utilize parking," said Melissa Blythe, Dieterich Hall director.

be added to the east and west of Garrett-Strong.

Phase two of the project is expected for the summer of 2002. Courter said the parking lot by the Student Union, the circle drive by Brown Hall and other deteriorating asphalt lots will be torn out and filled with concrete.

"We are changing them to concrete for a consistent look and also a consistent quality," Courter said.

Gravel lots on the perimeter of campus will be changed to asphalt, with the interior lots changing to concrete.

During phase three in the summer of 2003, a new entry point will be constructed to the dock at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. The dock is used by buses and trucks for performers who travel to Northwest, Courter said.

Other plans include building a new circle drive at Mary Linn,

straightening out the curve in the road in front of Mary Linn, expanding the parking lot beside the armory and leveling out the parking lot by North Complex.

"We're estimating around 350 new spaces by the time all of this is finished," Courter said.

This project will be financed with parking permit fees, parking fines and money the University transfers into the parking fund on behalf of every employee, Courter said.

Parking permits, which now cost \$70, will increase \$5 each year for the next three years, Courter said.

Courter said while the Board of Regents seems to favor the proposal, they have yet to approve it. The Board meets Jan. 19 and will determine if plans can move forward.

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RESOLUTIONS

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made a resolution to keep fit her whole life.

"I actually started in September, because I just wanted to gain muscle and lose weight," Peterson said. "It makes me feel better."

Peterson bought a membership at the Fitness Center this week, and since last trimester she has been working out at the Recreation Center four to five times a week. Peterson said her workouts consist of riding an exercise bicycle for 20 minutes and then lifting weights, and she has lost 15 pounds since September.

Leslie Hawk, a registered dietitian at St. Francis Hospital, said the best way to meet a goal is to make it a small, attainable goal.

"Just take it slow," Hawk said. "Make new resolutions every week and when you've achieved them for a month or so, go on. It's a continuous process."

Hawk said resolutions should change a person's lifestyle, but Americans are usually looking for a quick fix or an elaborate plan, and those often fall through.

"You have to be responsible for your own actions," Hawk said. "If you're trying to lose weight, keep a food journal, writing down everything you eat each day, and analyze it at the end of the day, calculating that against the food pyramid."

However, Hawk said no matter what resolutions people have made, goals will be met when those good behaviors become habits.

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Northwest, Army to provide online courses for soldiers

By JIMMY MYERS
CHIEF REPORTER

Northwest and the Army will be starting a \$435 million distance learning courses project for soldiers stationed all over the world using the Internet as the medium.

Secretary of the Army Louis Caldera announced the beginning of the program called Army University Access Online Dec. 15. Northwest will join 28 other colleges in the program.

Roger Von Holzen, director for the center of technology said the

suddenness of the decision to offer courses via Internet did not allow time for the completion of the massive amount of paper work required to participate in the program.

Von Holzen said much of the information regarding the logistics of the program has not been released yet, but Northwest should be ready to offer courses to the soldiers in time for the summer trimester.

Mark Corson, Reserve Officers Training Corp adviser for Northwest, said the classes are an invaluable offering to the enlisted men.

"I don't think people realize how hard you work when you're in the field," Corson said. "You sometimes get three or four hours of sleep a night and classwork suffers as a result, you can't always make it to the classroom."

Corson speculated that the Army would be using the program as a recruiting tool.

"Internet classes are expensive," Corson said. "We charge \$180 for our classes. These guys (soldiers) are getting them for free or almost free."

Army officials estimate that 15,000 soldiers will take Internet classes in the first year it is offered.

"We don't want stupid soldiers," Corson said. "The smarter they are, the better they are. They will come out of the army better people and more useful."

PricewaterhouseCoopers, a consulting company, is coordinating the project, managing the technology and recruiting colleges.

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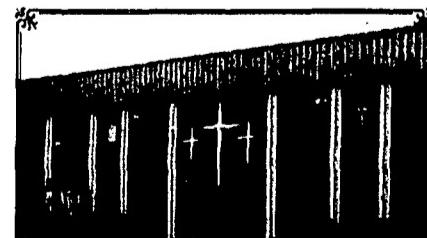
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Bearcats successful during holidays

By BILL KNUST
UNIVERSITY SPORTS EDITOR

The men's basketball team reeled off five straight wins over the holiday break and the first week of spring semester.

The No. 7-ranked Bearcats, 12-0 overall and 4-0 in the MIAA, capped off the break with Wednesday night's 84-68 victory over Central Missouri State, 7-5 overall and 2-2 in the MIAA.

Northwest got rolling with a quick start against the Mules building leads of 18 and 20 points in the first half.

Freshman Kelvin Parker came off the bench to lead the team in scoring with 17 points.

CMSU fought back in the second half and cut the Bearcat lead to six, 57-51, with 11:43 to go. Northwest calmly built its lead again, using a 20-8 run over the next eight minutes to build the lead to 77-59.

Northwest struggled on the road Monday night, as Southwest Baptist, 1-8 overall and 0-3 in the MIAA, stretched the Bearcats to their limits.

The team battled back and forth all night, and the Bearcats trailed by eight with a little more than three minutes left in the first half.

Northwest closed the half on an 8-0 run, capped off by senior Joel Taylor's three-pointer as time expired.

Head coach Steve Tappmeyer said he was pleased to see the seniors step up despite the sub-par performance by the team.

"Our three seniors that played stepped up," Tappmeyer said. "Joel Taylor made some big plays to keep us in the game in the first half. I don't think I have seen Joe sharper. He has acute bronchitis so I know he didn't feel good going into the game and there were a couple times he just laid his body flat out on the floor. Floyd Farrow made some big plays also."

Sophomore guard Scott Fleming's two free throws put the Bearcats ahead 53-43 with 5:28 to go. Then Southwest clawed back, cutting the lead to 59-55 with 41 seconds to go.

Fleming led the Bearcats with 14 points. Farrow and Taylor each had 13.

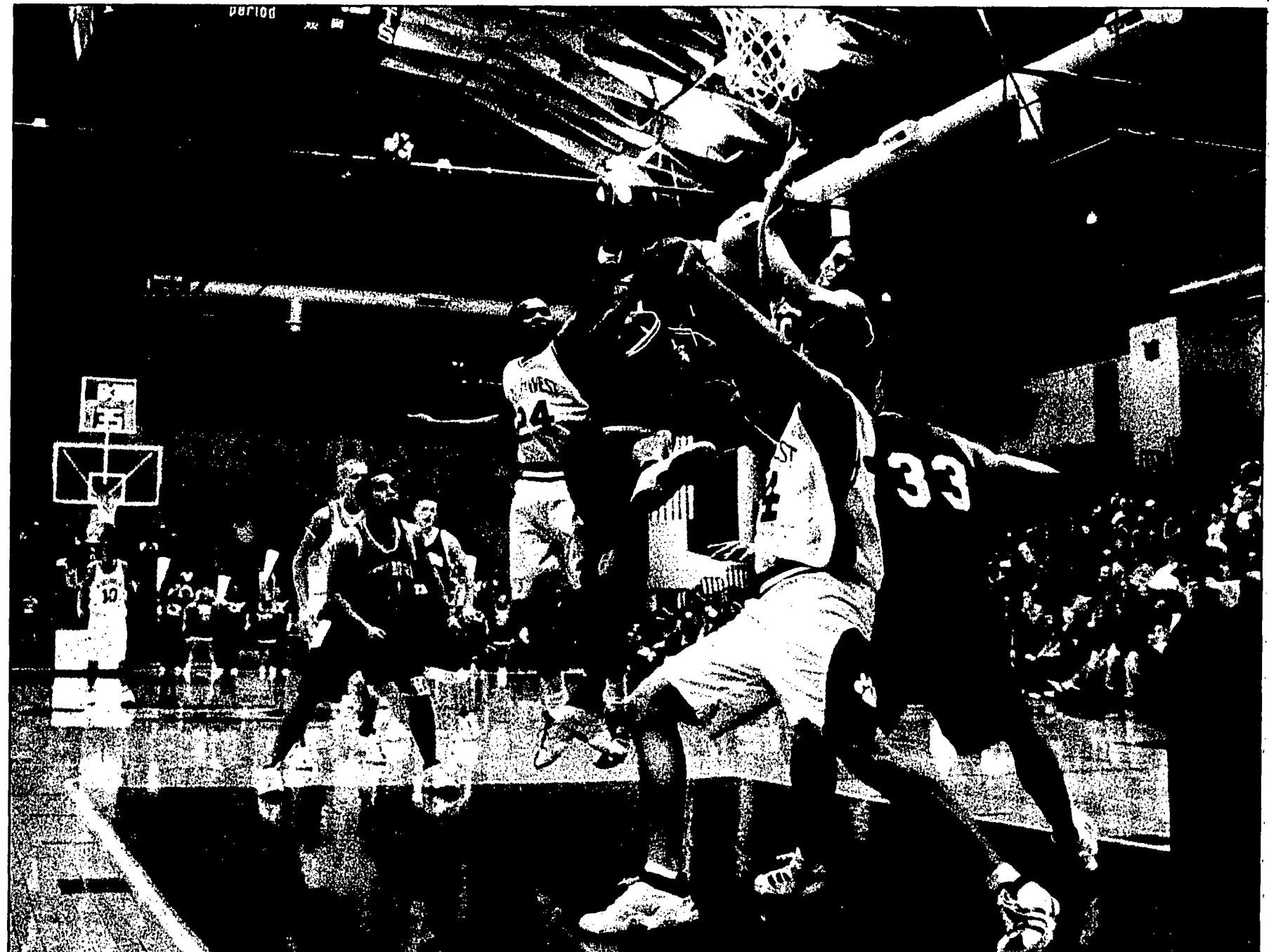
A 67-60 victory over then No. 1 Florida Southern was an early Christmas present for the Bearcats. Fleming led all scorers with 17 points while Price added 13. Taylor and junior Matt Rowan each had eight rebounds.

Northwest kicked off conference play with a 75-58 win over Emporia State. The Hornets handed the Bearcats their first loss last season, and Price made sure that did not happen this year. The senior scored 16 of his game-high 20 points in the first half.

The Bearcats trailed only twice, 3-0 and 5-2, before Price got hot and the Bearcats ran away with the victory.

The Bearcats improved to 2-0 in MIAA play with a 72-54 victory over Pittsburg State. The Gorillas kept the game close for much of the first half. Ryan Odaffer's three-pointer tied the game at 21, but Northwest ended the half on a 13-4 to pull away.

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Junior guard Jerry Hudson and junior center Chris Borchers fight for a rebound against Pittsburg State last Saturday. While Hudson finished the game with five points and three

assists, Borchers finished with two points. The Bearcats will face off at 7:30 on Jan. 13 against the Missouri Western Griffons.

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Maryville boys' basketball

'Hounds roll past Tarkio Academy

By BILL KNUST
UNIVERSITY SPORTS EDITOR

The Maryville boys' basketball team made it clear that Tarkio Academy had little chance of knocking the 'Hounds off Monday night.

Competing in the first round of the Savannah Invitational, the 'Hounds, 10-3, raced out to a 22-7 lead at the end of the first quarter, foreshadowing the 71-30 victory.

With this win the 'Hounds advance to the semi-finals against Kansas City Southeast at 7:30 tonight at Savannah.

Senior Jon Akins said defense has always been a strong point of Maryville teams.

"Coach preaches defense a lot, but if you look at the history of Maryville teams, defense has always been our specialty," Akins said.

The defensive pressure leads to the successful offense, Akins said.

Maryville increased its lead to 39-12 at the half. They expanded their lead to 64-27 at the end of the third.

Akins led the way, along with senior Zach Morley, as they both notched 17 points for Maryville. Junior Trent Twaddle and senior Steve Morrison added eight points each.

The 'Hounds did not get through the game unscathed, as senior Zach Morley had to be helped from the floor with 4:57 to go in the third quarter follow-

ing a fast break dunk.

Morley stole a pass in the back court and made his way to the hoop alone. Following his dunk, his hand slid off the rim and he landed awkwardly injuring the medial collateral ligament in his knee on the landing.

"I am just happy he is OK," head coach Mike Kuwitzky said. "He doesn't need surgery so he will go through rehab and make a full recovery and be able to play college ball."

Akins thought there would be seniors able to step up.

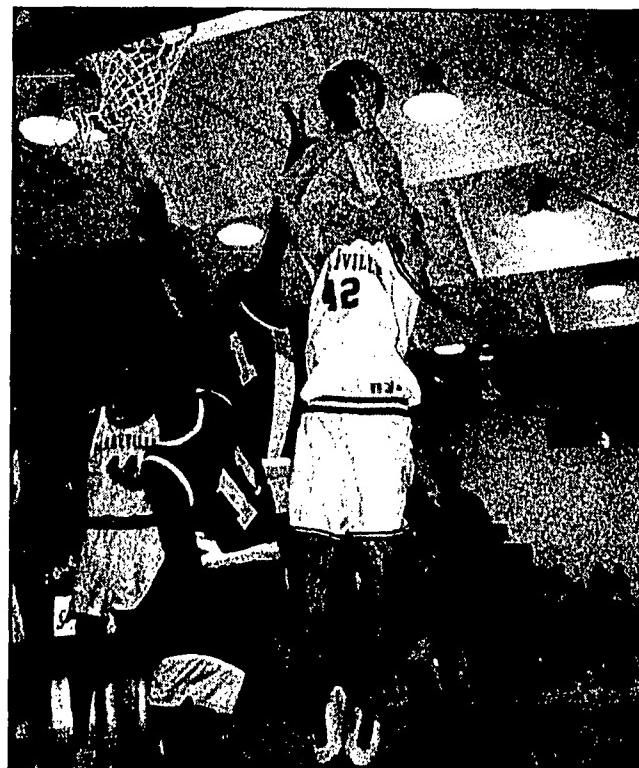
"Losing Zach hurts, but we have eight seniors who are willing to step up and somebody always does," said Akins.

Senior Tanner Blackford picked up the slack against St. Joseph Lafayette. Coming off the bench in the 65-41 victory over St. Joseph Lafayette, Blackford scored 15 points when the 'Hounds ran into foul trouble.

After the first victory of the year for Maryville, Morley said the bench would play an important role, because other players could pick up the slack if an injury or foul trouble occurred.

With victories against Lafayette, Savannah, Bishop LeBlond and Tarkio, the bench has seen significant time in games.

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Senior forward Jon Akins reaches over a Tarkio Academy player for a shot in their 71-30 rout over the Generals at the Savannah Invitational Tuesday. Akins finished with 17 points on the night.

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Grapplers prepare for Plattsburg Tourney.

By BRENT C. WAGNER
COMMUNITY SPORTS EDITOR

The Maryville High School wrestling team is gearing up for a grueling week of competition, taking part in four meets beginning Thursday.

Head coach Joe Drake said the team has been performing well, and is preparing for challenges in coming weeks.

"I think our progression has been very good," Drake said. "We've been on a pretty good roll right now. Last week we went to the Pleasant Hill Tournament and faced some tough competition that made everyone aware of the level of wrestling they're going to have to attain to get to and succeed at the state tournament."

On Tuesday the 'Hounds dropped a 54-36 duel at Chillicothe. Maryville got pins from Joseph Drake (119), and Evan Durfey (160). The only other wins came services of Anthony Ferry (103), and

"If we're doing our jobs as individuals we will come together as a whole. We're trying to get the most out of everybody, to benefit the team."

JOE DRAKE
MARYVILLE WRESTLING COACH

Jake Lancaster (152).

The 'Hounds started the new year with a bang, recording dual wins at Benton, 73-9, and against Lafayette 42-29.

In the Lafayette bouts, Maryville dominated the upper weight classes, with pins recorded compliments of Lancaster (152), Cliff McIntosh (171), Tom Bailey (215) and Noah Bonde (275) to lead the 'Hounds to the 13-point victory.

The Spoofhounds then traveled to the Pleasant Hill Tournament Saturday.

Maryville placed eighth out of the 10 teams, eight of which were rated among the top 10 teams in the state. The 'Hounds also upset the fifth-rated team in the state.

"Even though we didn't win a lot of duels as a team, I think our performance there was very good in comparison to the caliber we were wrestling against," Drake said.

Although the 'Hounds have a number of grapplers riding strong individual records, including Jonathan Hanna's (103) 10-4 mark, Drake said it

is all about the team right now.

"We don't go into a lot of individual things this time of year, we're pretty much in the team concept," Drake said. "If we're doing our jobs as individuals we will come together as a whole. We're trying to get the most out of everybody, to benefit the team."

Junior Jake Lancaster (152), said the team has set its sights on the Feb. 2 district meet in Maryville.

"I think we've been wrestling as a team pretty good," Lancaster said. "We just have to keep wrestling that way, and work to get better for districts."

Before traveling to a dual team tournament at Plattsburg Saturday, the 'Hounds will travel to a dual versus Rockport Thursday.

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SPOOFHOUND RECORDS

Name	WT.	YR.	RECORD
Jonathan Hanna	103	9	10-4
Anthony Ferry	103/112	9	3-2
Joseph Drake	119/125	9	9-6
Josh Wilson	125/130	12	3-4
Brandon Hull	125/130	12	4-4
Darrel Shanks	135/140	10	3-2
CJ Messner	145/152	11	5-8
Jake Lancaster	152/160	11	8-6
Evan Durfey	160/189	10	4-8
Cliff McIntosh	171	11	6-3
Mitch Herring	189/215	12	6-2
Tom Bailey	215	12	1-4
Noah Bonde	275	12	1-6

Women's basketball

Bearcats struggle after positive start

By BRENT C. WAGNER
COMMUNITY SPORTS EDITOR

The Northwest women's basketball team has already improved on last year's 4-22 record, sporting a 5-6 mark, the 'Cats are still battling for their first win in the MIAA.

The 'Cats, 0-3 in the conference, are working to break a 23-game conference losing streak.

Head coach Gene Steinmeyer said he is enjoying the better season, but he knows a conference win is key, and he is optimistic one lurks in coming weeks.

"I think we're a pretty competitive team, but it won't show in the record until we break through with a conference win," Steinmeyer said. "My biggest fear is that we will get ourselves buried so deep in a hole that it destroys what we have built to this point."

Northwest has been outscored 234-196 in its opening conference clashes, but came within one basket of beating Pittsburg State, 73-71.

Junior guard Dena McMullen is second in the conference in assists (6) and fifth in steals per game (3).

"We've got the making of a team that can really compete in this league," Steinmeyer said.

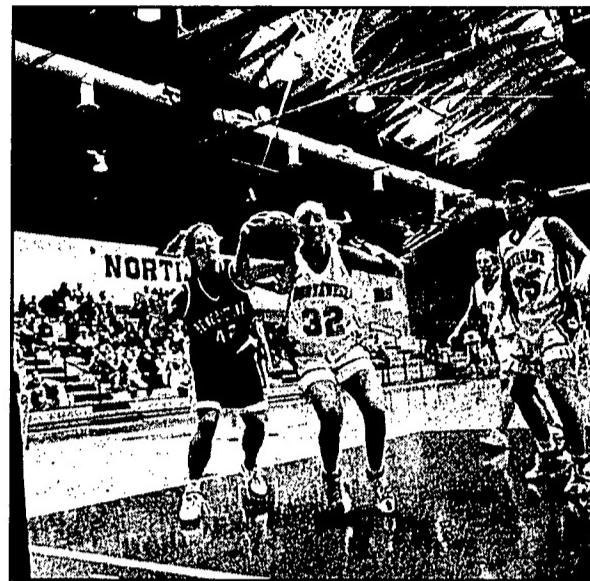
The team dropped its third conference loss against a strong Southwest Baptist team Monday night in Bolivar, 84-61.

Northwest was still in the hunt at intermission, down 39-29 off a number of transition baskets.

"Southwest Baptist was an awfully good team," Steinmeyer said. "The disappointing thing was it was probably one of the teams we matched up size-wise the best with. We were always just close enough to have a smell of it until the last three minutes, and then it just really got away from us."

Northwest came up short Saturday in a 73-71 MIAA loss to Pittsburg State in Maryville.

The 'Cats held a slight advantage at the half, up 39-31, but had four players foul out in the second half. Amanda Winter's three-point shot at the buzzer fell



JOHN PETROVIC/PHOTO EDITOR
Junior forward Amy Coy tries to save the ball from going out of bounds against Benedictine earlier in the season. The Bearcats will face-off at 5:30 p.m. Saturday against the Missouri Western State Griffons.

short and Northwest dropped their second conference game.

"The killer of what we've been through is the Pittsburg State game," Steinmeyer said. "That's a game the players probably deserved to win, if there is such a thing."

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Chiefs, Royals make key moves in the off-season

By BILL KNUST
UNIVERSITY SPORTS EDITOR

No one can accuse the Kansas City Chiefs and Royals for lack of off-season production.

Both teams have either tried to pick up a coach or have made a trade in the last week.

The Chiefs, who fired head coach Gunther Cunningham Friday, have been courting ex-Rams head coach Dick Vermeil, for two

weeks.

"I think it is a great move to add Dick Vermeil," animal science/pre-vet major Nate Schroeder. "It gives the team a little variety, not the same old offense we have seen for 10 years. It gives them some spice and spunk."

A dispute began when the Rams wanted compensation for Vermeil, who said publicly and behind closed doors he had no desire to

coach anymore, because he was still under contract to the Rams for two more years.

The Chiefs say they owe the Rams nothing because Vermeil's coaching contract was terminated, and he is now in an advisory role.

The Kansas City Royals were not looking for a coach, but they were looking for a reliever to add to the much maligned bullpen of theirs.

In a three-way trade between the

Royals, the Tampa Bay Devil Rays and the Oakland Athletics, the Royals acquired closer Roberto Hernandez from the Devil Rays, catcher A.J. Hinch and prospect shortstop Angel Berroa from the Athletics.

In doing so, the Royals traded outfielder Johnny Damon and shortstop Mark Ellis to the Athletics along with a player to be named later.

Hernandez ranks 15th on the all-time save list with 266 and is sixth among active players.

Over the past three years Hernandez has compiled 101 saves, including a career-high 43 in 1999.

"He is a proven closer that brings leadership, experience and consistency to the bullpen," Baird said.

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Indoor track and field

Team looking to Iowa St. meet

By JUSTIN BUSH
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Northwest men's and women's indoor track teams opened their seasons with strong showings Dec. 8 at the Cyclone Holiday Classic at Iowa State University.

Both teams have national preview qualifications. Sophomore Jenny Simmons qualified after placing second in the pole vault by clearing 10-feet, 11-inches.

"Jenny is one of those athletes that every coach wishes they could have a dozen of," women's head coach Vicki Wooton said. "She will do anything to help the team. She loves track. If we need someone to fill in on a relay she is always there, even after she has already competed in a couple of events."

Senior Matt Abele also qualified in the long jump after a leap of 23-feet, 5 1/4 inches.

"Matt has been jumping and training really well so far in practice," men's head track coach Rich Alsup said.

Junior Bryce Good earned a top performance with a second-place finish in the mile with a time of 4:18 seconds.

"The last time trial we did was a 15-minute timed run early in the season," Alsup said. "He did very

well. According to the books he should have been able to run a 4:19-mile by his first race, so he is right where he should be."

Alsup and Wooton both are pleased with their teams' performances at this point in the season.

"We only took 12 athletes to the meet in Iowa last month, so I know that a lot of the younger athletes are excited to start competing," Wooton said. "We finished fourth in the conference meet last year with only 15 people and I feel that we can maintain that or do better this year."

Alsup said the track and field team has high expectations for this year.

"I would say that our biggest strength is that so many of the

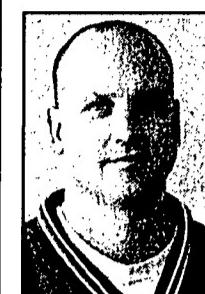
kids have the same consensus in a team goal," Alsup said. "These kids have never had a conference title. We have recruited well and had a lot of redshirts from last year that will be competing, but all the kids want the same goal and that is to challenge for that MIAA trophy."

The men's and women's teams will be in action again Jan. 20 at the Iowa State University Open. Then on Jan. 27, the 'Cats will travel to Nebraska Wesleyan.

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ARMCHAIR QUARTERBACKS

What do you think of the Kansas City Chiefs' decision to fire Gunther Cunningham and possibly hire Dick Vermeil?



JON GUSTAFSON
NORTHWEST FOOTBALL COACH

"It's a cut-throat business and since he didn't produce to the owner's standards it was in the writing. I think Vermeil will surround himself with good coaches."



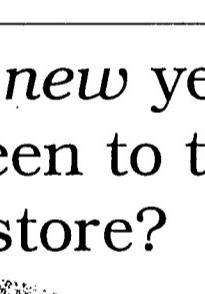
ADAM KRALIK
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"I'm not much of a big Chief fan, I'm not from Missouri, but I'm for it. I don't believe that their coaching was up to par."



JUSTIN TAYLER
WELLNESS MAJOR

"They need all the help they can get."



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Maryville girls' basketball**'Hounds heat up, now 10-3**

By BRENT C. WAGNER
COMMUNITY SPORTS EDITOR

Following a 0-2 start to the 2000-2001 campaign, the Maryville High School girls' basketball team has found a groove and is hoping to begin a trek to the top of the Midland Empire Conference standings.

The Spoofhounds sport a 10-3 record and are 1-0 in the conference.

Maryville struggled early in the season dropping contests at Lafayette, 44-23, the home opener to St. Pius, 61-52.

The Spoofhounds got things rolling, knocking off then undefeated LeBlond 53-46. Since then the hardwood has been good to the 'Hounds, who dropped only a 44-30 loss to Platte County in the championship game of the LeBlond tournament.

Coach Randy Cook said he likes the way the team is performing, but he isn't satisfied just yet.

"The girls are working really hard," Cook said. "I'm optimistic that we're going to keep that going and good things are still ahead."

Junior forward Erin Lohsler said she is enjoying the 'Hounds current success, but says the squad is getting primed for a tough conference season.

"It feels pretty good to be 10-3 right now," Lohsler said. "We want to prove we can play in the conference and we want to win conference. That's our goal."

The team took top honors at the Nodaway County tournament in mid-December. During semi-final action Maryville knocked off Jefferson 60-38, another undefeated team. The Spoofhounds then downed Northeast Nodaway in the finals 66-58. Cook said he expects Northeast Nodaway to make some noise at the state tournament.

"That was a lot of fun," Cook said. "The girls came out great and that's when we kind of got things going for the season. I think the girls started to see that if they work together and blend their talents, they can really do a lot of things."

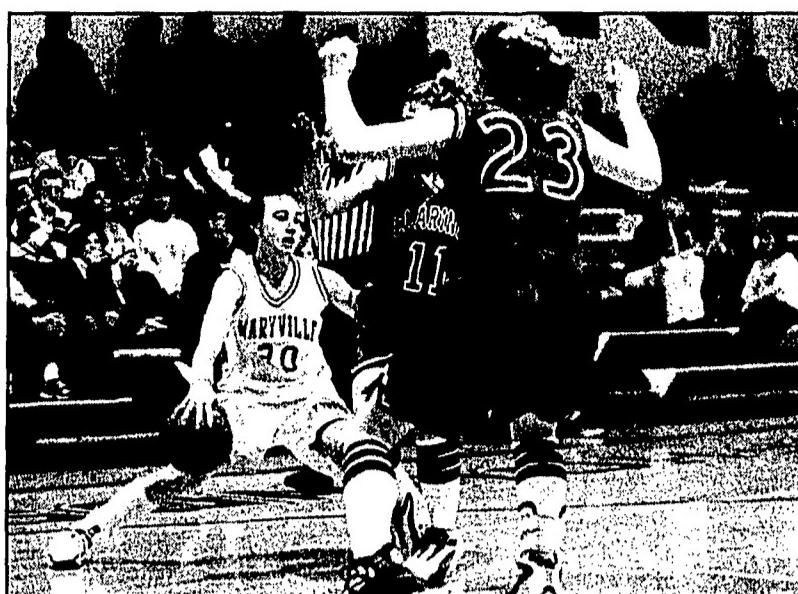


PHOTO BY AMANDA SANDERSON/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER
Spoofhounds' junior point guard Lindsay Austin attempts to pass the ball during Monday's game against the Clarinda Cardinals. Austin scored seven points for the 'Hounds, helping them win the game, 74-43, and move to 10-3 on the season.

The 'Hounds had to settle for runner-up honors at the LeBlond tournament, dropping a tough loss to them 7-1 Platte County, 44-30. Cook said the girls will be looking for revenge when they meet Jan. 29, and later in district tourney action.

The team's hot streak fired up again in January as Maryville won three games in four days to post the 10-3 mark.

Friday, in a rematch of the 'Hounds' first loss of the season Maryville knocked off Lafayette.

"I can't say enough about the effort these last few days," Cook said. "Especially to avenge the early season loss Friday night."

Maryville travels to South Harrison Friday night for a 7 p.m. clash before competing in the eight-team Park Hill/Bishop Meige Tournament Jan. 15-20 which features teams from both Kansas and Missouri.

"The girls are working really hard," Cook said. "I'm optimistic that we're going to keep that going and good things are still ahead for this team this season."

Maryville beats Clarinda

The Maryville girls' basketball team's multiple threat offense propelled them to a 74-43 non-conference win over Clarinda Monday night.

The Spoofhounds sported four players in double figures, and 10 'Hounds scored in the win.

"It's a lot of fun for them when everyone's contributing," Cook said. "It's a lot of fun for me to get everyone involved."

After having the 34-22 halftime lead Maryville buried the hatchet early in the third quarter going on a 15-4 run with multiple steals and transition baskets, and cruised to the 74-43 win.

"Tonight they came out of the half and made sure they weren't going to get back into it," Cook said. "I was really pleased with that and the win."

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Girls basketball	at South Harrison 7 p.m.		at Park Hill/Bishop Meige Tourn.	at Park Hill/Bishop Meige Tourn.	at Park Hill/Bishop Meige Tourn.	at Cameron 6 p.m.	
Wrestling	at Rockport 6 p.m.		at Plattsburg Tourn. 10 a.m.				

ON THE SIDELINES**Give coaches break, time to build**

**Gruden and Doherty get wins
Cunningham and Phillips gone**



BRENT WAGNER
COMMUNITY SPORTS EDITOR

It was refreshing to sit back last weekend and watch a few games and highlights. Sports teams are in the thick of things, dueling it out to see who will play in Super Bowl XXXV, and college hoops are just beginning to heat up with conference clashes.

True, there weren't any game-winning field goals in the NFL Division Playoffs, but there were some buzzer-beating heroics on the college hardwood.

The most refreshing thing for me was watching a few coaches enjoy the emotions of triumph, in a time when coaches in all sports are facing the heat, and many are heading for the employee agency.

Raider fan or not, or even just jumping on the bandwagon you could not help but smile after 35-year-old and third-year head coach Jon Gruden took his victory lap after Oakland's 27-0 shutout of Miami.

Gruden ran to the crowd in the end-zone and gave high-fives to the loyal fans.

There was #14 North Carolina's upset over #4 Wake Forest. Wake Forest came into the Dean Dome seeking to establish itself as Duke's chief opponent in the battle for ACC supremacy. A win at North Carolina would have gotten them the attention they needed, but the Tar Heels eighth-straight win may begin to put them back in the same class as Duke.

SPORTS IN SHORT

Zach Morley was selected to the All-Tournament team.

Maryville to have spring soccer season in 2001

The Northwest football team placed five players on the Division II All-American team, the largest amount of players from any team in Division II.

Senior Tony Miles was selected as first team all-purpose back. Senior linebacker Brian Williams and senior offensive lineman Andy Erpelding were also first team selections.

A 1998 All-American, senior defensive tackle Aaron Becker made the second team after missing the 1999 season with an anterior cruciate ligament injury. Joining him was tight end Steve Comer.

Maryville team wins sportsmanship award

The Maryville High School Boys basketball team won the Sportsmanship Trophy in the Nelson Division for the second year in a row at the William Jewell Holiday Tournament held Dec. 26-29.

Open gym to be held Sunday at high school

An open gym will be held Sunday, Jan. 13 from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m.

at the Maryville High School gymnasium. For more information contact 562-2923.

JV girls win Monday 43-20, Robertson scores 12

The Maryville High School girls junior varsity basketball team remains undefeated following a 43-20 win over Clarinda Monday night.

Sophomore Tiffany Robertson led the team with 12 points.

Fairfax to play host to Volleyball Tournament

The 3rd annual Community Hospital Association coed volleyball tournament will take place Saturday Jan. 27 at the Fairfax High School gym. The tournament is sponsored by the Human Resource Advisory Committee, and a portion of the proceeds will go to a local charity.

The tournament will open with round-robin play and a tournament bracket to follow.

To register a team, contact Joyce Harris or Pepe Cooper at the Fairfax hospital, 686-2211. A \$50 per team entry fee is due Jan. 20.



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Sophomore guard
Scott Flemming leads the Bearcats with 15.7 points a game and the MIAA conference with four steals a game. Flemming's 14 points against Southwest Baptist led the Bearcats.

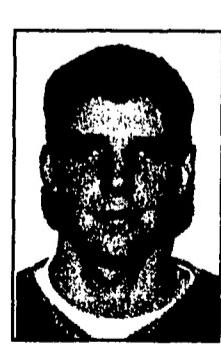


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Senior post player
Akins led the Spoofhounds with 17 points in Monday night's game against Tarkio Academy. The Spoofhounds won the game 71-30.



Jon Akins

